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1. GOP WILL BE PREOCCUPIED UNTIL MARCH 16 WITH VISIT OF PRC VICE PREMIER. WE SHALL OBTAIN THEIR PROGRAM REACTIONS SOONEST THEREAFTER. MEANWHILE, FOLLOWING ARE OUR PROGRAM COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

2. APRIL 14

- -- VISITS TO AMERICAN AND PHILIPPINE MILITARY CEMETERIES LIKELY WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEED THE TIME ALLOCATED, PARTICULARLY PHILIPPINE CEMETERY WHICH FARTHER OFF MAIN ROAD AND WHERE CEREMONIES DIFFICULT TO CURTAIL. SINCE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO LAY WREATH IN A SEPARATE CEREMONY AT RIZAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL, AND 590 FILIPINOS ARE BURIED, AND ANOTHER 3,300 MEMORIALIZED, AT THE AMERICAN CEMETARY, WE SUGGEST THAT VICE PRESIDENTIAL STOP AT THE AMERICAN CEMETEJY SHOULD SUFFICE.
- -- DEPENDING UPON NUMBER OF STOPS EN ROUTE, VUCE PRESIDENT WOULD REACH THE PALACE AT ABOUT FIVE FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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MARCOS.

-- FOLLOWING THE MEETING THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MARCOS COULD SIGN THE RURAL ROAD AGREEMENT (FIRST \$7 MILLION TRANCHE OF \$24 MILLION U.S.-ASSISTED FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD PROJECT) WITH PRESS PRESENT. GENERAL PRESS COMMENTS COULD FOLLOW.

- -- PALACE PROTOCOL MOST PROBABLY WILL WANT TO SCHEDULE STATE DINNER AT EIGHT AS IS CUSTOMARY.
- 3. APRIL 15
- -- BELIEVE VICE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM FOR APRIL 15 MUST INCLUF WREATH LAYING AT RIZAL MONUMENT (NEAR HOTEL), VISIT TO ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND AMPLE TIME FOR FURTHER MEETING WITH MARCOS.
- -- DOES VICE PRESIDENT ALSO WISH CONSIDER AT LEAST BRIEF MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION FIGURES?
- -- MEANINGFUL VISIT TO AID PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE THREE HOURS AND PJECLUDE OTHER ESSENTIAL EVENTS. PEACE CORPS HAS PROPOSED VISIT TO (A) SOUTH EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE FOJ THE DEAF (5 PK VOLUNTEERS), (B) MANILA CHILD HEALTH HOSPITAL (1 PC VOLUNTEER), OR (C) PK HEADQUARTERS TO MEET WITH XFLUNTEERS. TWO HOURS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THESE VISITS.
- -- WE UNDERSTAND VICE PRESIDENT WISHES VISIT CORREGIDOR,
 ALTHOUGH PROTOCOL DOES NOT REQUIRE IT. PRESIDENT MARCOS OFTEN
 USES TRIP BY YACHT TO CORREGIDOR AND RETURN AS VENUE FOR
 FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH VISITORS. ASSUMING VICE PRESIDENT
 WISHED VISIT CORREGIDOR, THIS WOULD PRECLUDE VISIT PEACE CORPS.
- -- OUR SUGGESTION WOULD BE VICE PRESIDENT BEGIN DAY AT 7:30 CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS; LAY WREATH AT RIZAL MONUMENT AT 8:30 A.M.; AND CALL AT ASAIN DEVELOPMENT BANK AT NINE. (ADB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AGREES CALL WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT IN INDICATING IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO ADB, AND HE HOPES DURATION CAN BE EXTENDED TO 20-25 MINUTES). AT NINE-THIRTY VICE PRESIDENT WOULD EMPLANE WITH MARCOS FOR HALF-HOUR HELICOPTER FLIGHT TO CORREGIDOR? IT IS UNLIKELY MARCOS WOULD AGREE TO GO WITH HIM ON U.S. HELICOPTER.) RETURN COULD BE IN PRESIDENTIAL YACHT EMBARKING CORREGIDOR AT ELEVEN, WITH WORKING LUNCHEON AND FOLLOW UP TIME WITH MARCOS ABOARD DURING TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR BOAT TRIP. VICE PRESIDENT COULD PJOCEED DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT FROM PIER.

- -- TO PERMIT MAXIMUM POSSIBULITIES WITHIN VISIT, COULD VICE PRESIDENT EXTEND TIME OF DEPARTURE TO THREE P.M.?
- -- WE WOULD APPRECIATE, ALSO, SOONEST SUGGESTIONS FOJ MRS. MONDALE'S PROGRAM.
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